

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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FDI IN SUPER MARKETS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have decided to allow foreign investment in super market sector dealing with retail consumer goods;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether as a consequence of this policy, the foreign investors will get a chance to create a chain of super markets and consumer goods which will adversely affect Indian goods; and
- (d) If so, the steps taken by the Government to save the domestic super markets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Prior to February, 1998, Government approved 4 proposals for setting up chain of super store/super market retail store/healthcare retail outlets with foreign direct investment (FDI).

(c) & (d) : FDI is not seen as a threat to an efficient domestic super market industry. However, as per current policy, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in running super markets is not being permitted. Cash and carry whole-sale trading in the domestic market only is permitted.